

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2019

ROLL CALL: The meeting was brought to order on March 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Roll Call: K. Balzar, J. Hintz, J. Wierzba. Also present were T. Fleming, W. Felch, J. Jontry and ten others.

MINUTES: A MOTION (Hintz, Wierzba) was made to accept the Minutes of the March 7, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported the roads were posted Monday, March 18 at noon. On Tuesday the crew closed Riley Lake Road (FR 137) from Highway 70 to Gates Lake Road, and from Riley to Sailor Lake Road. The new mower brush head has been ordered and will be picked up tomorrow.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Jontry presented and the Board accepted the February, 2019 Treasurer's Report.

FOREST HOME CEMETERY REPORT: No report. This will be placed on the agenda for the April 7, 2019 meeting.

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON BIDS FOR PIKE LAKE BOAT LIFT: Two sealed bids were received and opened by K. Balzar:

R. Schroeder bid \$2,700
M. Bliefernich bid \$2,025

A MOTION (Hintz, Wierzba) was made to accept the bid of \$2,700 from R. Schroeder. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0). J. Jontry will notify the bidders.

DISCUSS NORTHWOODS RANGE ROVERS' REQUEST TO OPEN ROADS YEAR-ROUND FOR ATV/UTV USE: The current ordinance states that the map of designated roads must be posted at the Town Hall (it is). K. Balzar asked if we should get public comment. She also received an e-mail from G. Revak stating that the Town of Emery recently voted to open their roads year-round. J. Hintz suggested we could do a covenant of some sort to ensure that clubs maintain signage. T. Fleming stated that the crew could assist with installing signs if the club provides the materials, and we do have a surplus of sign posts. J. Hintz then stated it would help ensure that all of the Town roads are properly signed, with the exception being any roads that are closed in spring during the regular road postings. The Board will need to re-word the ordinance, which will then need to be approved and published. The Board is in favor but will need to do some research for amending the ordinance, and further review of Act 193. J. Jontry will contact surrounding towns to obtain the wording of their updated ordinances.

DISCUSS HOURLY WAGE INCREASE FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES: J. Jontry presented a recent report from Bob Kopisch, Chair for Price County, indicating current wages and benefits for towns and villages in Price County. The Board reviewed the report and discussed increasing wages for our part-time employees, to wit: Part-time road crew workers will receive an increase of \$.50 per hour, to \$13.50 hourly; all other part-time employees will receive an increase to \$12.00 hourly. The increases will be retroactive to January 1, 2019 and retroactive pay will be included on the April 4, 2019 pay checks. A MOTION (Hintz, Wierzba) was made to approve the wage increase of \$.50 per hour, to \$13.50 hourly, for part-time road crew workers, and an increase to \$12.00 per hour for all other part-time town employees, effective January 1, 2019. Roll call vote: Balzar – aye; Hintz – aye; Wierzba – aye. Motion carried.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: R. Sievert questioned if the Board knew about a recent conditional use permit for a private vacation rental from Price County Zoning. The Town has no information regarding a CUP being issued. Mr. Sievert wanted to know if this enterprise should be permitted to use the Fifield transfer station, as they would be considered a commercial business. J. Hintz stated that he would investigate and this may need to be brought up at a future meeting. Mr. Sievert then stated that he observed four recliner chairs on the burn pile at the Fifield transfer site, and wanted to know if they would be hauled away or burned. The Board will look into this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE: K. Balzar received an e-mail from T. Beringer regarding development of a dog park, indicating that the Town of Fifield Veteran's Park might be one option. J. Hintz stated that he is not sure that using the Veteran's Park would be appropriate. K. Balzar stated that the park is public property and as such may not be appropriate. J. Wierzba agreed. J. Jontry received a letter from the DOT reminding us of the upcoming meeting regarding paving Highway 13, which will take place on April 18th, 3-5 p.m., at the Fifield Town Hall.

REVIEW INVOICES: A MOTION (Hintz, Wierzba) was made to accept invoices for payment. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

ADJOURN: A MOTION was made at 7:20 p.m. (Wierzba, Hintz) to adjourn. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Jontry
Town Clerk/Treasurer